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Title: A System Of Co-Located  
Computers In A Framework  
Including Removable  
Function Modules For  
Adding Modular  
Functionality

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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination. Please amend the case as listed below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.

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